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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF  
LITCHFIELD, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1910.



# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

OF THE

# TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1910.

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NASHUA:

F. E. COLE & CO., PRINTERS AND BOOKBINDERS.  
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Cilizans' Liekal-  
elected in 1910 -  
Same Officers as  
1909. - 24 Sept - ~~Blair~~  
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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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INVENTORY APRIL 1, 1909.

Polls, 73,	\$7,300 00
Lands and Buildings,	160,995 00
Horses, 87,	5470 00
Mules, 1,	25 00
Oxen, 6,	375 00
Cows, 240,	7,780 00
Other neat stock, 17,	310 00
Sheep, 9,	36 00
Hogs, 1,	10 00
Fowls, 175,	87 00
Stock in banks and corporations,	11,500 00
Money on hand or at Interest,	5,489 00
Stock in trade,	23,070 00
Mills and machinery,	2,000 00
	—————
	\$224,447.00

## PROPERTY EXEMPT TO SOLDIERS.

Lands and buildings,	\$700.00
Value of property subject to taxation	\$223,747 00

## STATEMENT.

Total taxable inventory,	\$223,747 00
Rate per cent,	1 10
Amount committed to collector,	2,461 33

Charges for picking moth nest commission to collector,	6 60	
		— \$2,467 93
State tax,	\$864 00	
County tax,	337 79	

## ACCOUNT WITH STATE.

Railroad tax,	\$90 16	
Savings bank tax,	742 57	
Literary fund,	21 70	
	— \$854 43	
Paid State	\$9 57	\$864 00

## RAISED AND APPROPRIATED.

Schools,	\$1,125 00	
Town charges,	300 00	
Library,	70 00	
State highway,	99 50	
Highway,	555 00	
County tax,	337 79	
	— \$2,487 29	

## STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Money in State and Town treasury,	\$934 77	
State contribution, 1909,	372 50	
Town contribution, 1909,	298 50	
	— \$1,605 77	

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Issac N. Center, Town Clerk,	\$12 00	
Frederick L. Center, Treasurer,	10 00	
Norris C. Griffin, Selectman,	28 00	

John E. Lefavor, Selectman,	\$25 00
Frank H. Holden, Selectman,	20 00
Charles W. Leach, Supervisor,	6 00
Elbert O. Putnam, Supervisor,	5 00
Willie R. Sheperd, Supervisor,	4 00
Walter A. Crowell, Collector, (1908).	10 00
Walter A. Crowell, Collector, (1909).	20 00
Amos Saunders, schoolboard,	30 00
Walter E. McQuesten, Moderator,	3 00
Amos Saunders, Auditor,	1 00
Clinton E. Leach, Auditor,	1 00
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	\$175.00

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Amount Appropriated,	\$555 00
Available for highways,	356 00
Paid I. N. Center,	\$35 00
Paid M. B. Ford,	125 20
Unexpended,	-----
	\$195 80

#### LIBRARY

Appropriated,	\$70 00
Paid Rev. J. P. Newell,	\$70 00

#### BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid James Hopwood, labor,	\$5 00
Paid James Hopwood, stamps,	1 25
Paid James Hopwood, disinfectant,	1 45
Paid C. E. Leach, labor,	2 00
Paid C. E. Leach, disinfectant,	1 44
Paid Dr. Coening, scarlet fever case,	3 00
Paid N. C. Griffin, disinfectant,	5 59
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	\$19.93

## ABATEMENTS.

G. Leslie Putnam, tax 1908,	\$1 10
F. L. Center, tax 1909,	11 00
	<hr/>
	\$12 10

## BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

C. B. Campbell, picking nests, (1909),	\$33 30
C. B. Campbell, picking nests, (1910),	7 80
Joseph Drulet, picking nests, (1909),	155 20
C. E. Leach, picking nests, (1909),	16 52
F. H. Holden, picking nests, (1909),	<hr/> 12 00
	\$224 82
Received from property owners,	\$5 50
Commission to tax collector.	6 60
	<hr/> 12 10
	\$212 72

## TUITIONS.

Paid J. H. Fassett, Nashua,	\$92 22
(June 1908 to June 1909)	
Appropriated for schools,	\$1,125 00
Paid Amos Saunders, treasurer	
school board,	745 00
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	\$380 00

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid N. C. Griffin, tax book,	\$1 50
N. C. Griffin, book "Town Officer",	2 50
N. C. Griffin, appointment blanks,	25
N. C. Griffin, bind blanks,	25
N. C. Griffin, expense to Concord,	2 00

N. C. Griffin, postage,	50
N. C. Griffin, lamp chimneys,	30
N. C. Griffin, aid to travelers,	95
J. E. Lefavor, aid to travellers,	1 05
W. A. Crowell, Collector, tax and expense on Dunklee land,	14 71
T. J. Ryan, printing town reports,	25 00
Mrs. Jacobs, cleaning Town Hall,	1 25
C. B. Campbell, Wood for Town Hall,	1 00
Janitor Town Hall,	3 00
Andrews, Son & Co., Insurance on Library,	7 50
James Butterfield, labor on Town Hall,	1 00
N. S. Hoagland, fire extinguishers,	4 00
F. H. Holden, work on cemetery fence,	4 50
Peter Jacobs, care of fire in woodland,	1 50
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	\$72 76

## EXPENDITURES.

County tax,	\$337 79
Highways,	160 20
Schools,	745 00
Tuitions,	92 22
Library,	70 00
Salaries,	175 00
Moth nests,	224 82
Miscellaneous,	72 76
Abatements,	12 10

Board of Health,	\$19 93
State tax paid,	9 57
	—
	\$1,919 39
Paid out,	\$1,919 39
Due Schools,	380 00
Due state highway,	298 50
Due town highway,	195 80
	—
	\$2,793 69
Collected taxes,	\$2,001 16
Uncollected taxes,	466 77
	—
	\$2,467 93
Paid from town treasury,	
Moths nests,	\$224 82
Tuitions (1908),	92 22
State tax balance,	9 57
	—
	\$326 61
	\$2,794 54

NORRIS C. GRIFFIN,  
 JOHN E. LEFAVOR,  
 FRANK H. HOLDEN,  
 Selectmen of Litchfield.

We have this day examined the foregoing report and find  
 the same correctly cast and well vouched.

C. E. LEACH,  
 AMOS SAUNDERS,  
 Auditors.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Cash received of N. C. Griffin,	
former treasurer,	\$1,285 68
Received of W. A. Crowell,	
collector 1908,	112 20
W. A. Crowell,	
collector 1909,	2,001 16
Savings bank tax,	742 57
Railroad tax,	90 16
Literary fund	21 70
Selectmen for picking	
moths,	5 50
State Forester,	75
N. C. Griffin for Hall,	1 00
Town clerk, dog licenses,	43 20
Manchester Savings Bank,	
interest,	25 00
	—
	\$4,328 92
Paid selectmen's orders,	\$2,774 07
Cash in treasury,	1,554 85
	—
	\$4,328 92

Mechanics Savings Bank book, 105 59

FREDERICK L. CENTER,  
Treasurer.

We have this day examined the foregoing report and  
find the same correctly cast, and well vouched.

AMOS SAUNDERS,  
CLINTON E. LEACH,  
Auditors.

# ROAD AGENTS' REPORT.

## ISSAC N. CENTER.

To cash received from town,		\$35 00
Paid Fred McQuesten,	\$9 45	
C. H. Chase,	7 00	
J. Butterfield,	2 40	
W. R. Hopwood,	4 20	
J. W. Hopwood,	1 20	
Guy Hopwood,	1 35	
Peter Jacob,	7 50	
H. C. Leach,	3 45	
C. E. Leach,	45	
E. Dyer,	45	
P. Dyer,	1 50	
W. C. Haight,	8 55	
H. S. Johnson,	3 00	
I. N. Center,	35 95	
Fessenden & Lowell,	2 15	
		\$88 60
Due from town,		58 60

## MOSES FORD.

Received of town,		\$125 20
Paid M. M. Campbell, labor,	\$31 70	
Frank Holden, labor,	6 30	
Don McQuesten, labor,	5 25	
A. Davis, labor,	10 00	
W. Shepherd, labor,	1 73	

Town of Hudson,	3 00
T. D. Ford,	8 20
Amos Saunders,	7 80
F. L. Center,	6 00
E. O. Putnam,	40
A. H. Powers,	2 00
Whittemore & Ambrose,	64
A. Barnes,	30
Chas. Barnes,	5 08
Bradford Campbell,	50
Everett Thompson,	75
Moses Ford,	35 55
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	\$125 20

## LIBRARY REPORT.

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The Board of Trustees of the Public Library hereby submit their Eighteenth Annual Report.

At the Annual Meeting of the Library Trustees, Rev. J. P. Newell was elected president and treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. S. Campbell secretary, and Mrs. Jennie F. Center librarian.

There is but little that needs special mention in this report. The library has been well patronized during the past year, and has answered in every respect, the beneficent purpose for which it was founded. It is growing from year to year in size and value, and contains at the present time, more than fifteen hundred volumes. It has been the policy of the trustees to purchase only such books as they believed to be the very best to be obtained with the means at their disposal.

Considerable reading matter has been donated to the library during the year, as will be seen by the librarian's report. Among the books given are, Bench and Bar of New Hampshire, and History of Exeter, N. H., from Mrs. Helen Fowler Mrs. Mary P. Bailey, daughters of Judge Bell; and Story of the New World, Pictorial History of the World's Great Nations, and Heroes of the Dark Continent, from Mr. Amos Saunders; and Tournament of Roses from Nilla M. Reid.

It is hoped that the Scrap Book, kept at the library, may

not be forgotten by those who have interesting items of local interest that ought to be preserved.

We are under renewed obligations to Mrs. Clarissa Griffin for continuing to furnish, rent free, the convenient room in her house for the use of our library. And we are fortunate still to retain the efficient services of our librarian, Mrs. Jennie F. Center.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. NEWELL,

For the Trustees.

## Report of Treasurer of Public Library.

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Town Library hereby submits his Annual Report.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1909,	\$35 58
Received from town,	70 00
	—————
	\$105.58
Paid for books,	\$39 50
Salary of Librarian,	26 00
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1910,	40 08
	—————
	\$105 58

J. P. NEWELL,  
Treasurer.

## DONATIONS.

Century,	Ladies, Social Circle.
McClure's	Rev. J. P. Newell.
The Circle,	Rev. C. A. Downs.
The American,	" " "
The National,	" " "
The Woman's Home Companion,	Mrs. S. G. Saunders.
The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire,	Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Bailey.
History of Exeter, N. H.,	" " "
Story of the New World,	Amos Saunders.
Heroes of the Dark Continent,	" " "
Pictorial History of the World's Great Nations,	
The Tournament of Roses,	Nilla M. Reed.
From My Youth Up.	Jennie F. Center.
Total number of volumes,	1,517
Added during the year,	55
Books and magazines loaned,	1025
Received from fines,	.35
Paid for broom,	.35

Respectfully Submitted,

JENNIE F. CENTER,  
Librarian.

## SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOGUE.

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Feb. 15, 1909—Feb. 15, 1910.

Bailey, Dr. Liberty H.	The Training of Farmers,	A	1517
Beach, Rex.	The Silver Horde,	F	1487
Bell, Charles H.	The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire,	B	1464
	History of Exeter, N. H., H	H	1465
Browne, G. Waldo.	With Rogers' Rangers,	H	1472
Buel, J. W.	Heroes of the Dark Continent,	H	1514
Cameron, Agnes Deans.	The New North, T	T	1488
Carey, Rosa Nouchette.	The Key of the Unknown,	F	1494
Clemens, Samuel,	Captain Stormfield's Visit to Heaven,	F	1485
Connor, Ralph.	The Foreigner,	F	1495
Crawford, F. Marion.	Stradella,	F	1490
Deland, Ellen D.	Miss Betty of New York, F	F	1482
De La Pasture, Mrs. Henry.	Peter's Mother,	F	1488
	The Lonely Lady of Grosvenor Square, F	F	1484
Eastman, Charles A. and E. G.	Wigwam Evenings,	J	1498
Early Records of Londonderry	vol. 1,	H	1508
	vol. 2,	H	1509



Shute, Henry A. Farming It,	F	1491
Stack, Frederic William. Wild Flowers Every Child Should Know,	S	1480
Stratton-Porter, Gene. A girl of the Simberlost,	F	1467
The Inner Shrine, author unknown,	F	1468
The Tournament of Roses in Passadena, Cal., Jan. 1, 1910,	H	1515
Warner, Anne. An Original Gentleman,	F	1516
White, Eliza Orne. The Wares of Edgefield,	F	1477
Wright, Harold Bell. The Calling of Dan Matthews,	F	1469
Wright, Mabel Osgood. Poppea of the Post-Office,	F	1475
Yonge, Charlotte M. Pictorial History of the World's Great Nations,	H	1513



## Report of the School Board.

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During the spring 1909 school was kept in school houses Nos. 2 and 4. No. 2 school was taught by Miss Julia A. Bixby, under whose capable and progressive management the pupils showed a marked improvement in scholarship. Two of the pupils passed examinations to enter higher schools in the fall, making in all six pupils from our town in attendance at high schools and academies. Also we have two pupils from the south part of the town attending the district school in Hudson.

No. 4 school included the pupils from No. 3 school. This school was taught by Miss Harwood, who although an inexperienced teacher labored hard to sustain good order. I especially wish to commend her Memorial Day exercises which were of a very interesting character.

At the beginning of the fall term by a vote of the school board, it was decided to concentrate our pupils in one school, conveyance being made accessible by the electric cars, and employ a Normal graduate as that course has been advocated by our state superintendent. We feel that we made a successful choice in Miss Bertha Crowell, who had had four years experience in schools of Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

The pupils seemed to have advanced in their regular studies and the introduction of drawing, music, and gymnastics have awakened new interest. We would respectfully suggest that citizens and parents should visit the

school, as such an expression of interest stimulates both teacher and children to greater efforts.

Our repairs have consisted in the placing of a few more seats and desks in the school room, and the addition of 9 yards 36 inch blackboard (slated cloth). A new teacher's desk is much needed, and would suggest that it be supplied the coming term.

According to the new law passed at the last legislature we respectfully ask for the school money, as required by law, two hundred (200) dollars for tuitions; thirty (30) dollars for text books and supplies; forty-five (45) dollars salaries of school board, truant officers, clerks and such other district officers as district provides for.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

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TWO TERMS.

Newell Carney.

ONE TERM.

Amy Danford, Mabel Ford, Claud Hopwood.

## STATISTICAL SCHOOL REPORT.

TEACHERS	No. of School	No. Weeks	Wages per Month	No. of Scholars	No. of Visitors	Visits by School Board
Miss Julia A. Bixby	2	10 3-5	\$40	12	5	3
Miss Jennie B. Harwood	4	10 4-5	28	9	28	7
Miss Bertha E. Crowell	2	10	56	20	8	5
Miss Bertha E. Crowell	2	13	56	25	12	5

Studies taught: Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Grammar, Composition, Physiology, Geography, History, Penmanship, Music, Drawing, Gymnastics.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARGARET A. LEACH  
 JOHN E. REID,  
 JAMES HOPWOOD,  
 Committee.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER.

Received of James Hopwood former treasurer,	\$189 89
Received of Town Treasurer,	745 00
	\$934 89

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid School Board orders,

No. 4 School.

Paid Jennie B. Harwood for teaching,	\$77 00
Janitor work,	2 50

No. 2 School.

Paid Julia A. Bixby, teaching.	\$106 00
Bertha E. Crowell, teaching,	322 00
Fuel,	25 50
Cleaning school room,	2 50
Repairing clock,	2 00
Repairs and moving seats,	7 00
James Hopwood, building waiting station,	28 15
J. A. Reid, building waiting station,	10 68
Transportation of pupils,	116 60
Janitor work and sawing wood,	14 75
Use of Grange Hall,	2 00
2 Phenix Fire Appliance,	4 00
School supplies,	27 00
Salaries of School Board,	30 00
Treasurer's receipt book,	1 00

## TUITIONS.

Paid Town of Hudson,	\$13 00
MacGraw Institute,	120 00
Pinkerton Academy,	12 00
 Total Disbursements,	 \$923 86
Balance in treasury,	\$11 03
Due from Town,	\$380 00
Unpaid Tuitions,	\$97 77

AMOS SAUNDERS,  
School Treasurer.

I have this day examined the foregoing report and found the same correctly cast and well vouched.

CLINTON E. LEACH,  
Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1909.  
MARRIAGES.

DATE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	RESIDENCE OF EACH	AGE	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF PARENTS	BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS	OCCUPATION	NAME, OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED
Dec. 1	Reed's Ferry, N.H.	Walter E. McQuesten Ada L. Seaverne	Litchfield Merrimack, N. H.	45 3	Farmer Teacher	Litchfield Merrimack, N.H.	Charles McQuesten Mary E. Gould Franklin T. Seaverne Caroline J. Reid	Litchfield Lyndeborough Merrimack Merrimack	Deceased Deceased Retired Housewife	

BIRTHS.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	COLOR	LIVING OR NOT	NO. OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS	OCCUPATION OF FATHER	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
Jan. 3	Patten	Male	White	Living	2nd	Frank Patten	Emma Martell	Litchfield	Laborer	Barre, Vt.	Westville, N. H.
Jan. 12	Florence Bell Hopwood	Female	White	Living	4th	James Hopwood	Susie B. Hopwood	Litchfield	Farmer	England	Londonderry, N. H.
Jan. 14	Grace Elizabeth Ford	Female	White	Living	4th	Ira D. Ford	Delia McCue	Litchfield	Farmer	Lowell, Mass.	Ireland
Apr. 15	Grace Laura Wilson	Female	White	Living	3rd	John A. Wilson	Gertrude H. Dunbar	Litchfield	Mill Hand	P. E. Island	Manchester, N. H.
May 16	Celia Alice Holden	Female	White	Living	3rd	Frank Holden	Mabel Durant	Litchfield	Farmer	Nashua, N. H.	Nashua, N. H.
Aug. 9	Reid	Female	White	Living	5th	John A. Reid	Mary F. Burbank	Litchfield	Farmer	Litchfield	Hooksett, N. H.

DEATHS.

DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	AGE	CONDITION	OCCUPATION	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
Jan. 5 July 23	Litchfield *Londonderry	George M. Reid Eliza A. Pike	Litchfield	Y 64 M 5 D 0 69 10 22	Single Widow	Farmer	Phineas A. Reid Edward Parker	Selina Burnham Mary Kendall	Litchfield	Antrim Litchfield

\*Brought to town for interment.

I certify that the above is a true record of Births, Deaths, and Marriages reported to the Town Clerk of Litchfield, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1909.  
I. N. CENTER, Town Clerk.





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